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Juniors Monte Bowden and Brenda Ackarman celebrate their campaign victory at a local establishment.

Ackarman ticket wins election

by CRAIG SESKER

The alphabet for action is ready for action.

In one of the most hotly contested student body elections ever, juniors Brenda Ackarman and Monte Bowden captured the race for Student Body President and Student Body Vice President by a scant 12 votes over juniors Penny Atkinson and Darrin Acker.

The results were announced Tuesday night after the election that day in the Student Union.

Out of a possible 782 votes, Ackarman and Bowden received 388 votes to 376 for Atkinson and Acker. There were 18 write-in votes.

About 63 percent of the student body voted, according to Eric Welch, current Student Body Vice President.

"I think 782 is a really good number," Welch said. "I think it was a really good turnout."

In the race for treasurer, junior Joan Busch defeated sophomore Gordon Sween, 615-163.

Junior Gail Sutton, running unopposed for the position of recorder, received 742 of a possible 744 votes. There were two write-in votes.

The new officers will assume duties at the beginning of May Term.

SWAPO founder Toivo to visit here Tuesday

Fighter of apartheid to address campus

One of the foremost leaders in the fight against apartheid in Namibia will speak at Wartburg Tuesday.

Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo, founder and now secretary general of the South West Africa People's Organization tion (SWAPO), will discuss his experiences at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

Toivo came to this country to address the National Namibia Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN, March 20-22, under the sponsorship of several national Lutheran church bodies.

He is characterized as the "Nelson Mandella of Namibia" by Dr. Herman Diers, professor of religion, who spearheaded a move to establish a Free Namibia movement in the American Lutheran Church.

Toivo began organizing Namibian workers in Capetown, South Africa, against apartheid in the fifties, and they drew up a petition to the United Nations to place South West Africa (now Namibia) under the Trusteeship Council of the UN and abolish the contract labor system.

In 1958, he smuggled a tape-recorded message to the UN and that led to his expulsion from Capetown.

He was arrested in 1966 and tried in a Pretoria, South Africa, court with 36 others. He wound up serving 18 years in prison, 16 of them at Robbin Island.

After founding SWAPO, he held firm for peaceful resistance, but finally the continued repression forced him to permit armed resistance.

His appearance at Wartburg is co-sponsored by the college's convocation committee and the Dell Association for Peace and Justice.

Ujamaa events begin

by ROBIN DOEDEN

"Nourish a Mind; Build a Future" is the theme of this year's Spring Ujamaa Week which began Sunday and will continue until Friday, March 27.

Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo, present secretary general of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), is the featured speaker of the week.

Once again, Wartburg is working with Operation Bootstrap, an organization promoting self-help programs in Africa.

"We hope to raise $4,000," said senior Kah Bo Chiew, chair of the Ujamaa Committee. "The money will be used to build a schoolhouse in Madagascar."

The committee raised $2,000 during Fall Term with a fast, a dance, and several donations from faculty and staff

Tonight an auction of donated items will begin at 8 p.m. in Buhr Lounge. The majority of items were donated by faculty members and residents of the Waverly community. Meals for groups of four to 12 people, dolls, and handicraft items are some of the items up for bid.

Volleyball playoffs with groups from Waverly and the Wartburg community are Wednesday.

The Roommate game is scheduled for Thursday.

"The roommate game went over very well last year," Chiew said. "We are expecting more involvement this time."

The Basketball marathon will start Friday and continue for 12 straight hours of basketball action. Some of the groups involved are Senate, Phi Beta Lambda, Missing Bytes, Hebron I and II, HyVee and two teams from Waverly.

Donations will be accepted throughout the week for the schoolhouse in Atrica.

Survey finds students unaware of Namibia

Sixty-nine percent of the Wartburg students surveyed by Students for Peace and Justice said no when asked if they had heard anything about Namibia.

According to Daudi Kaliisa, president of Students for Peace and Justice, 106 students were phoned to determine campus awareness of Namibia. Those who had heard about Namibia were asked a variety of questions about the country.

Fifty-seven percent questioned were aware that Namibia is located in Africa. Thirty percent did know that South Africa occupies Namibia illegally. Only six percent knew that SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organization) is the largest political party in Namibia.

Kaliisa said 51 percent did not understand that the policy imposed on Namibia to separate the races is apartheid One percent knew how U.S. foreign policy affects the possibility of Namibian independence. dependence.

The U.S does not support freedom for Namibia until Cuban troops withdraw from Angola. Angola says it will not send those troops home until the U.S. and South Africa stop supporting the rebel UNITA forces.

Two events to conclude Women's History Month

by ANNE GARDINER

Two events, visits by storyteller Carol McCormick and peace activist Joan Bokaer, will conclude Women's History Month at Wartburg.

McCormick, from Plymouth, MN, will tell stories Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the East Room. Her presentation is entitled "Women's Work/Women's Worth," according to Marion Gremmels, assistant professor of English.

McCormick is a member of the National Association for Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling and has performed as a storyteller at a number of institutions in Minnesota. She has also taught storytelling classes and workshops.

She once told a reporter, "They (stories) provide insights about human nature as well as knowledge of history and culture. Storytelling encourages individuals to feel that they can shape the future."

According to Earlene Hawley, a Dell Association member, Joan Bokaer, a representative of Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND), will speak at Wartburg twice Monday, March 30. She will give chapel at 10:15 a.m. and will speak again at 7:30 p.m. in the Buckmaster Room 214 of the Whitehouse Business Center.

Bokaer will be available at noon in the Castle Room to speak to individuals. All are invited to bring their cafe trays.

She is the founder and director of Citizens Network, an institution created to educate people on the forces behind the nuclear weapons arms race.

McCormick and Bokaer's presentations are free of charge and open to the public.

To receive Doctor of Laws degree

Dole to speak May 24

Elizabeth Hanford Dole, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, will be Wartburg's Commencement Speaker May 24. Wartburg College will award her an honorary Doctor of Laws degree during her visit to the campus, according to President Robert Vogel.

Dole heads a department that employs 100,000 people and has a budget of about $27 billion.

She sets policy direction for the nation's aviation, highway, railroad, mass transit and maritime resources. She is the first woman to head a branch of the armed services—the U.S. Coast Guard, the spearhead of the nation's drug interdiction effort.

Dole has accomplished major economic and safety reforms across all modes of transportation.

Before joining President Reagan's cabinet, Dole was Assistant to the President for Public Liaison at the White House.

From 1973 to 1979, Dole was a member of the Federal Trade Commission. Her public service has also included Presidential appointments as Executive Director of the President's Committee on Consumer Interests and as Deputy Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs.

Dole graduated with distinction in political science from Duke University. She received her law degree from Harvard Law School and her master's degree in education and government from Harvard University.

Secretary Dole is married to Senate minority leader Robert Dole.

editorial

Individualism hurts Wartburg

A "cancerous individualism" plagues the tradition that is Wartburg College.

Students, faculty, staff and, most importantly, administrators, who direct the college, need to heed this fact.

It is a phenomenon affecting many institutions in the country. But Wartburg does not have to be like those institutions.

Last Tuesday Dr. Charles Lutz, director of the Office of Church in Society of the American Lutheran Church, addressed the issue of individualism vs. community at a convocation. He did not direct his remarks at Wartburg, but what he said applies to us.

Lutz says our Christian faith offers what the world most needs: a profound and central commitment to the community as the route to fulfilling divine purposes and human needs.

Says Lutz, God wills that human beings solve the problems of human existence in community because God made us for community. In community we can be a people of "shalom" together.

The Bible supports self-interest, too, Lutz added. Love of self is healthy and good when kept in appropriate balance with the needs of others. Jesus says: "You are to love your neighbor as you love yourself."

As a college of the Christian faith, we can be different than other institutions that succumb to society's trends. We can continue to mold students who will take service and leadership roles in communities beyond Wartburg.

To rejuvenate our community, we must pool our resources and realize how much more powerful we are as a community.

In one of the Student Body President platforms, the candidate recognized that students, student organizations and the college have more power collectively than they do individually.

Secondly, we need to reexamine our current classroom teaching methods. By overemphasizing competition in the classroom and among faculty departments, we force Wartburg community members to be rugged individualists.

A certain amount of that is all right. We must have standards and we must love ourselves, but only so that we can give our best to others, according to Christianity.

Thirdly, the divisions between the administration and the students must crumble. Students must respond to the decisions handed down from the administration. Actually, students should be initiating changes and offering ideas if they have problems with the system.

When students don't respond to efforts on the part of the college, the college believes there is no problem.

We are the reason Wartburg exists. That makes the administration listen. If students take the right approach to issues they can change things. Administrators do listen.

Instead of going home on weekends or driving to the bars in Cedar Falls, students should find creative ways to entertain themselves on campus.

Rather than listing suggestions in a student task force that Residential Life should implement, students could take the initiative to make them work now. It is possible.

The government gives us laws, but we are the government. We are also the college. We can help the condition on campus or hurt it.

Wartburg tradition has nurtured community for as long as college historians can remember. Changes in society should not divide us, but unite us in keeping up with our sense of community. As Lutz said, now is the time to "convert" to community.

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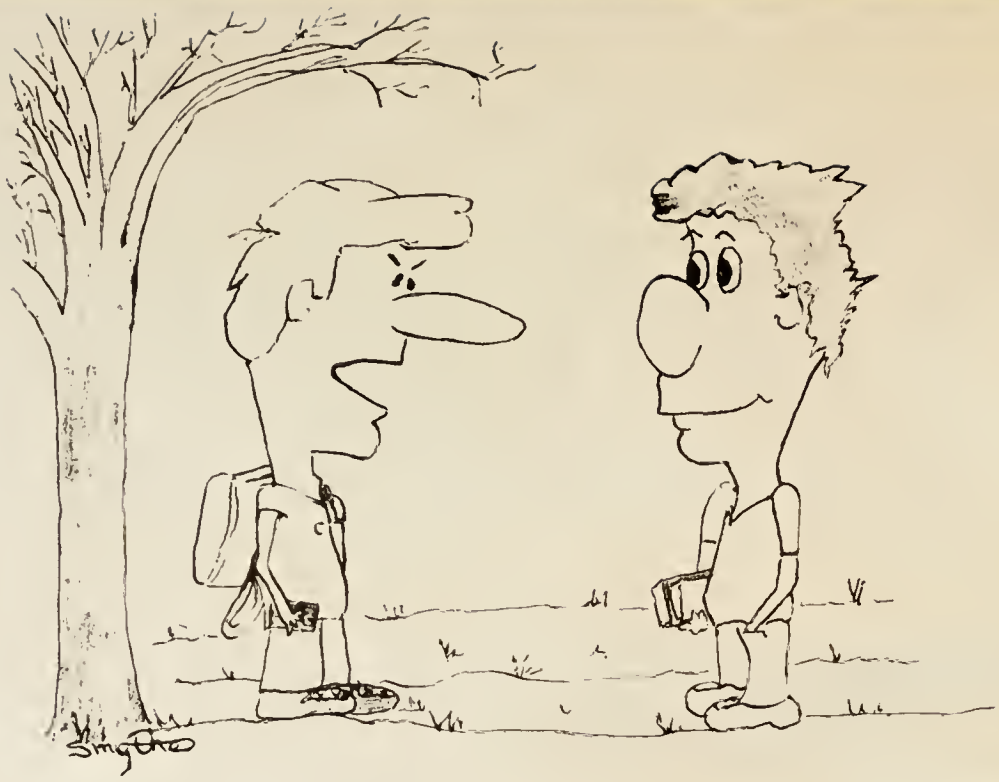

"I don't think naivete has anything to do with it. So what if 'A Chorus Line' is the **only** *musical I've seen? I* **liked** *it, and I still say Rick Smith is a jerk."*

Sleepy Reagan, Baker talk about 'contradeception'

Awakened from his long winter's nap by the Tower Commission Report, President Ronald Reagan demands answers on what happened and on how to save what's left of his presidency with his new chief of staff, Howard Baker.

"Mr. President, Congress, the media and the public are all demanding answers on what happened. I believe it's time we get this all over with so we can move on to more important things."

"You mean like peace negotiations and balancing the budget?"

"No, sir. I meant working on getting Vice President Bush the party's nomination. The longer this goes on, the more damage we're doing to his campaigning."

"Well, Howie, how do you propose we do this?"

"Mr. President, it's important to find those that know the most about what's going on and get them to tell their stories."

"You know I don't want to get Nancy involved in all this. She's too busy doing the hiring and firing of our servants."

"I didn't mean the first lady, sir. I was talking about Lt. Col. Oliver North."

"Well, let's leave Ollie alone. I hated firing him after I declared him a national hero. The least I can do for him is allow him his fair right to declare the fifth."

"But, sir. The press believes he could provide all the answers and put this whole "contradeception" thing behind us."

"I believe that he's pleading the fifth because he really doesn't know anything and is afraid to reveal his ignorance to the press."

"Too bad he can't be as honest to the press about his ignorance as you are."

"Well, thank you, Howard. Not all are as honest about their shortcomings as I am. I guess it was because of my honesty that I was elected."

"How do you plan on handling the press?"

"I like this laryngitis I've been developing lately every time I'm around the press. Do you think they're buying it?"

"They weren't at first, but then we began telling them that you just forgot how to talk. When such cases happen, we immediately brief you and you regain your full speaking abilities. The press has no problem with that."

"The media really seems to be after me on this issue. They keep demanding the facts. Why aren't they satisfied with what we tell them?"

"There's no pleasing the press, sir."

"I'd really like to get this whole thing over with so I could start working on making the last couple years productive."

"That's why it's important to get all the facts on the table. Once you get that done they you can work on arms talks with Gorbachev, balancing the budget and letting the people know that a major political crisis accompanied with a couple minor operations couldn't stop you."

"That's right, Howard. It would be horrible to leave office with the reputation of this Iran deal following me. It'd be nice to be remembered for a serious arms deal or something big like that."

"There's always your movies, sir."

"I guess you're right, but I want to be remembered for more than just being a good actor."

"I'm sure even if this whole Iran deal doesn't blow over that you will be remembered in the sense that former great presidents have been."

"Let's say in 20 years from now, what do you think the American people will be saying about my term as president regardless of this whole Iran-contra deal."

"Ronald Reagan slept here."

And in this Corner...

by Matthew W. Tuttle

letter

Students appeal promotion denial

It was with much surprise that we recently heard that Ms. Marion Gremmels was denied a promotion to the position of Associate Professor in the English Department. While we recognize that those responsible for this decision have certain standards to uphold, we find it difficult to believe that any standards could exclude such an outstanding educator as Ms. Gremmels.

From the perspective of serious students who earnestly desire to grow in intellectual capacity and in our abilities to express ourselves, we believe Ms. Gremmels to be an irreplaceable part of the English Department faculty. Her experience and personality enable her to cultivate an ideal climate for the development of students' writing skills. She selects quality texts, conducts open and stimulating classes, and has appropriate expectations of her students. Her commitment and concern for each of her students are reflected in her careful individual critiques of students' papers and creative works. If Wartburg wishes to maintain high standards in the quality of education it provides, we can think of no better-qualified person to serve as a role model than Ms. Gremmels.

It is our hope that whoever is responsible for the decision will reconsider promoting Ms. Gremmels to a position in line with her superior competence.

John Van Sant
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Bill Sladek
Pamela J. Kleiss
Lori A. Lensch
Leif Larson
Karen Thalacker
Kathryn Coffman

Smith visits doctor, again?

The doctor turns to leave the room. That can't be it, I think

"But Doctor," I say, "what about my massive weight and hair losses, nosebleeds, and lip cramps?"

"How have your bowels been?" he asks.

"Fine. But..."

"I'll give you a prescription," he says, looking at something behind me on the wall.

He scratches on a little white pad.

"Take this until it's gone," he says,"and if you don't feel better in a week, call and make another appointment."

"That's what you said last week," I say. "This is my second appointment."

He looks at me queerly.

"Yes, well, there's a lot of this going around right now."

He hands me the little white slip along with a larger

A few minutes with Smith

by Rick Smith

pink slip. The pink one will be the bill, I think.

"So take these, drink plenty of fluids, get lots of rest, and we'll see how you're doing next week, okay?"

He bolts from the room before I can say anything, and heads for the mysterious place where he hides between patients.

I glance at the prescription slip. Tylenol #3. I can't take Tylenol #3—it has codeine in it. I drop the slip in the wastebasket, like I did last week, and head toward the front to give them my $20.

The nurse behind the desk takes my check gingerly, like it has germs on it.

"And how are we today?" she says, giving me a pat smile.

"Oh, we're just fine," I say. I run my hand through my hair and it comes back with a big clump in it. My nose starts to bleed. My lips twitch.

"That's nice," she says, handing me my receipt

"Isn't Dr. Overbooked a nice doctor?" she says.

"Oh, yes," I say, "godlike, really."

"Tell me something," I say, "what doctor do you go to here?"

"Here?" she laughs. "I don't. I go to the Mayo Clinic."

"Do the doctors there," I say, "I mean...do they TALK to you? Do they sit down, listen, look you in the eye and TALK to you? And, can you get more than two minutes of their time?"

"Why, yes," she says, "they do and you can. But it's a long drive, and it is rather expensive. Best in the world, though."

"So, why don't you just go to Dr. Overbooked, if he's so nice?" I ask.

She leans over the counter in a conspiratorial way and whispers to me.

"Just between you and me," she says, "I did go to him once—but he's always in such a hurry. He didn't tell me anything. I mean, I never really did get a solid diagnosis out of him."

I nod, knowingly. Hair falls out and drifts to the floor.

"I know," she says, "I'm an R.N. Why don't you tell me your symptoms and I'll see if I can guess what you have."

"Well," I say, "I don't know..."

"Oh, come on," she says, "it will be such fun!"

"Well, okay. My hair is falling out, I get lip cramps and nosebleeds and my stomach feels like it has a bowling ball in it all of the time. Even when I haven't eaten."

She bites her finger and studies me.

"How are your bowels?" she says.

"Fine," I say.

"You know," she says, biting her finger like she hasn't had lunch, "we get a lot of you Wartburg students in here." I give her a blank look.

"So?" I say.

"So," she says, "I think what you have is senioritis."

She looks smug.

"So," I say, "what's senioritis?"

"It's what you have, silly," she says. "Don't worry about it— you'll be fine after you graduate."

"Seriously?"

"Trust me," she says.

"I'm not going to die?" I say. My top lip cramps up.

"I doubt it," she says, smiling, "you'll probably just graduate."

Wartburg campus to hear about Namibia conference

knightbeat by JOHN VAN SANT

A place called Namibia, where Christians are being detained and killed by hostile foreign invaders.

A place called Namibia, where most of the people are economically descriminated against because of the color of their skin.

A place called Namibia, where young black children run away from white people in terror, fearing that the men who rape their mothers and sisters and torture their fathers and brothers will also hurt them.

A place called Namibia, an entire nation illegally occupied and exploited for profit by a well-known, wealthy, but unpopular country called South Africa.

For the more than 20 Wartburg students and faculty who attended the National Conference on Namibia at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN, this weekend, the place called Namibia has become a stirring part of our souls.

Listening to Namibian students from American colleges share their pain and their struggle for freedom and justice, we were overwhelmed with a desire to learn more about their plight.

Attending workshops about Namibia's economic situation, and about South Africa's reasons for occupying the country and exploiting and persecuting its black people, we felt compelled to join their cause.

Hearing the challenges of some of Namibia's black

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church leaders and political leaders to us as Americans, we were moved to act on behalf of our Namibian Christian brothers and sisters.

We have committed ourselves to beginning this week to bring the urgent concern we feel for Namibia to our Wartburg community. Beginning today, Wartburg will have many opportunities to learn about and respond to the suffering of the Namibian people.

Tuesday morning, the secretary general of the

'In spite of the powerful evil confronting the Namibian people, they are still a people of hope.'

Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) will address all who come to the convocation. This is an important chance to gain crucial insight into Namibia's struggle.

There will be a booth on Namibian concerns each day this week, probably near the cafeteria line. Information on Namibia and on the detention of children in South African jails will be available, as well as some suggestions on ways to respond. Students who attended the Namibian conference will be at the booth to assist anyone interested in joining the Namibian cause.

Workshops, led by students and faculty who attended the conference, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The issues surrounding the Namibian situation are complex, and these workshops will be a vital educational opportunity that will enable more effective response. Please take advantage of one or more of these workshops. Watch the *Page* and other announcements for locations.

In spite of the powerful evil confronting the Namibian people, they are still a people of hope. "Victory is certain" is their slogan, and they are a living witness to what it means to have faith in God. There is much that we who share that faith can do.

A recent letter-writing campaign to free the Rev. Simon Farisani, an illegally detained black South African, was a powerful success. Those of us who attended the conference this weekend were privileged to see Pastor Farisani, and we felt the joy of answered prayers and the fruit of our efforts. Namibia is an entire nation of people held captive and oppressed by the same government that held Simon Farisani.

With prayers combined with actions, we can be part of a worldwide effort to gain freedom for the people of Namibia. Join with us this week as we begin to share and learn together how we can help break the chains of the Namibian people.

Women need to reeducate

knightbeat by SHELLY GREEN

March is Women's History Month.

Like Black History Month, the recognition of women's history in a four-week period gives us time to reflect on where we have been, what progress we have made and what we still need to work on to make society aware of women's concerns.

This article refers to both men and women. The events scheduled for the remainder of March, including visits by storyteller Carol McCormick and peace activist Joan Bokaer (see story on page one) are for both sexes.

"The patriachal mode of thought is so built into our mental processes that we cannot exclude it unless we first make ourselves consciously aware of it, which always means a special effort," according to Gerda Lerner's "The Creation of Patriarchy."

But today's students, faculty and citizens find it hard to believe that sex discrimination—let atone any discriminatory way of thinking—exists.

Today, with many working mothers and women in non-traditional roles, it's hard for college females and males to believe that sex discrimination exists. But sexist language and attitudes on the part of professors and students continue—they are on an unconscious level. Nonetheless, they can devastate a female's attitude toward her future.

Subtle reinforcements of society's traditional and limited assessment of the potential of women are evident at colleges like Wartburg.

Wartburg staff and students should heed this fact and take a second look at their classroom practices.

Imagine you are in a classroom and the professor asks you why you have not worn a dress yet this year to class. He says he likes to see girls dress up.

These attitudes are subtle, but I have experienced them. Because of my exposure to literature and to media today, I recognize these things as covert sexist attitudes.

These attitudes may have rubbed me wrong as a freshman, although I couldn't figure out why. As a senior, I can discern the meaning of them. I can respond and perhaps make the person who said them aware of his or her actions and their implications, unless that person holds too much power over me.

It is important for women to take time this month to "reeducate ourselves about ourselves."

This was the recommendation in an editorial in "Signs," a journal of women in culture and society.

While it may be idealistic to think we can stop ignoring and reinforcing the divisions of gender and role, can we transcend these divisions? Men and women are not alike, but we all deserve the same chance.

Fifteen years ago Millie Ann Iuso-Cox, a teacher in the Oakland (CA) Public Schools, declared "Herstory Month" to teach her students about the women who shaped our country.

The school had a "Herstory parade" in which boys and girls dressed as famous women of history, most of whom are not mentioned in the history books.

Reeducation must start at birth and continue in the elementary and secondary schoots if we at the college level hope to advocate equality in pay and privileges for men and women.

Some on this campus would say there is no problem. Many are defensive when an unconscious act of sexism is pointed out to them. On the surface, things appear fine. Look at all the women broadcasters on television; is that not a sign that equality exists?

Connie Chung, NBC News correspondent, says network television is still run by the "boys' club" despite the on-screen promotion of women.

She told those attending the American Women's Trade Fair in Colorado Springs, CO, last month that although a push to hire women for the networks came in the seventies, there are no female general managers or news directors at any stations owned or run by CBS, NBC or ABC.

How many women vice presidents do we have at Wartburg? How many women are full professors? How recently have women advanced to full professor? Is the number of female associate professors equal to the number of male associate professors?

We are all not accustomed to some of the roles women are exploring. Patriarchal language, the use of "he" and "his" pronouns were once not refuted by women. Today, however, they exclude women.

Reminding others of their covert actions that sustain inequality in the mind will move us toward our goal of equality on the campus and in the job market. Sometimes disturbing others can mean progress.

San Antonio performance best ever for group

Choir silences hall with spectacular concert

by JILL BOWDEN

It's not often that 74 voices are able to silence an entire concert hall, but that is exactly what the Wartburg Choir accomplished.

The choir had the great honor of being asked to perform their own concert as part of the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) held in San Antonio, TX, March 12-15.

"It's an honor to be there," said choir member Myra Pickett, sophomore. "It's like reaching the 'final four' in NCAA competition; that's how it rates."

The choir was selected through a long process of "blind auditions," according to Paul Torkelson, director of the choir. A tape of the choir was first sent to the state's ACDA president where it was judged solely on its sound; the name of each choir was kept anonymous.

Tapes selected at the state level were then heard by a regional committee and finally the national committee following the same "blind" format.

More than 200 tapes were heard nationally, Torkelson said. From those tapes, 13 of the best choral groups around the nation were selected to participate at the convention.

"Some of the choirs were selected to perform on certain panels that were held for the directors," Torkelson said. "A certain elite were asked to perform their own concert, supposedly the 'best of the best.'"

Wartburg Choir was asked to perform its own concert of six pieces.

"This was the peak of my directing career," Torkelson said. "It was the greatest thing I've ever been involved in—and also the most pressure packed."

The pressure came from performing in a huge hall with an audience of 2,250 choral directors; all were listening for imperfections and a break in intensity.

"I became completely exhausted; the pressure takes its toll. We're actually being judged by our peers," Torkelson said. "I felt very fortunate that we made no mistakes at all—which is a rarity for any choir."

Torkelson said a great deal of the success comes from directing the choir without the use of the music score in front of him, something most directors don't do. This allows for a greater line of communication between the director and the choir and in turn, to the audience.

Junior choir member Ray Blank agreed, "When Tork's directing, we don't watch just his hands for direction. He is able to direct with his entire body. In San Antonio, we were 100 percent tied in to every one of his movements."

Everything the choir had worked for came together in San Antonio. The communication level between choir, director and audience were at an all-time high.

"Concert-wise, we may never top the one in San Antonio with the whole emotion of the time," Torkelson said. "Then again, we may never top our final night in Europe. I just don't know.

"Musicians run on emotion. At that time the emotions carried them all to a higher plane. If you were to ask any of the choir members how hot it was on stage or whether their feet hurt, I doubt they'd be able to tell you. They were outside of their bodies while singing and beyond physical feeling."

What happened on stage was almost spooky, Torkelson said. The choir had reached a higher level and taken the entire concert hall along with them. At the end of the second number, "O sacrum convivium," the applause was sustained for so long that Torkelson had to acknowledge the audience and take a bow for the choir two separate times.

"One of the goals of a choir is to make the audience feel like it's up there with you," said choir member Darrin Acker, junior. "We have a message we want to sing, and we want them to see the message through us. We were concentrating on the meaning of the pieces, not just the notes; we were feeling the music."

"The key is to express your text and make music," Torkelson said. "If you don't do that, no matter how good you are, the audience will feel empty. When we left the auditorium, the audience felt like it had received something from the students."

The pinnacle of the performance came with the final number, "Nunc dimitis," Torkelson said. "The choir was singing full out, they had reached their limit and were holding. Then I asked for a little more and they gave it to me."

The concert hall remained silent for several seconds as the final notes rang through the hall; no one breathed. Through the silence, one man in the audience, unable to contain his emotions any longer, let out an awed, "Geez!"

"I think they surprised themselves that they could demand so much from themselves and the group and get it. When they walked off the stage, they just floated off," Torkelson said.

"The individuals disappeared and we were all just choir, that was enough," Blank said.

Many of the groups that performed at the convention were good, but they were unable to maintain the level of intensity that the Wartburg Choir did.

"They were on a spiritual level for almost half an hour," Torkelson said. "Someone told me that of all the college choirs that had performed, we were the only one that had not let down; we never had a weak moment.

"The entire time we were down there, even with the grueling schedule, we never lost our intensity. I never once felt like we couldn't do it."

"Every time we sang, we had energy," Blank said. "We just called on it."

"This has definitely brought the choir together," Acker said. "It's made us a stronger group and made us realize that we are capable of a higher level of achievement; more than we ever thought possible.

"We hit a new plateau; everything will have to improve. We've set a new standard for ourselves and will be expecting more."

Wartburg, 23 Iowa schools lobby at Capitol

by RICH GORDON

Student Body President Andy Roquet drove eight Wartburg students, a lobby delegation, to the State Capitol in Des Moines the morning of March 18.

Their goal? To spend the day talking to as many legislators as possible about supporting Gov. Terry Branstad's recommended $4.1 million increase in the Iowa Tuition Grant fund.

Presently, Democrats who carry the majority in the Iowa House of Representatives and the Iowa Senate want to reduce that figure. If they get their way, fewer students would be eligible for the grant, including 45 to 50 Wartburg students, according to Roquet.

The Wartburg delegation was not alone in its lobby effort. Roquet had personally contacted all 27 schools in the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (IAICU) and asked each to send a group to lobby in Des Moines. Twenty-four of the schools agreed to send a lobby delegation.

"Hopefully about 200 student lobbyists were at the Capitol throughout the course of the day," Roquet said.

The Wartburg students spoke with such lawmakers as Speaker of the House Dan Avenson, Waverly Representative Ray Lageschulte, Cedar Falls Senator Jim Lind and Senator Larry Murphy, chairman of the Education Appropriations Committee, which governs the Iowa Tuition Grant fund.

Many of the lawmakers were not very informed on the grant issue since the appropriations work is still in the subcommittee stages, according to junior Dixie Helps and freshman Ken Gorton, two Wartburg lobbyists. Helps and Gorton added that the legislators they talked to responded positively to their efforts.

"The whole idea of lobbying is to provide legislators with information," said Tom Shepley, a Wartburg sophomore who also lobbied. "The legislators we spoke with were very interested in hearing what their constituents had to say."

The delegates left for Des Moines with little or no lobbying experience, and so were "a little apprehensive," according to Helps.

"I think the day as a whole was a success," Gorton said. "Besides possibly affecting my financial aid package for next year, I learned how lobbying works and gained a greater understanding of the legislative process."

Roquet said he was not sure when the legislators are going to decide on the Iowa Tuition Grant issue, saying they "will probably discuss it when it comes up on their agenda."

Roquet said the trip has inspired him to think about organizing a continuous lobby system similar to the one used by the three state universities. The IAICU currently has no such lobby system.

JOAN AND THE BOYS—Bartles and Jaymes assist junior Joan Busch in her Business Communication class where she makes a presentation on advertising techniques.

Theft plagues cafeteria

by MARTI KOCH

Although Wartburg College is a home away from home to many students, some carry the idea too far, according to Don Juhl, director of food service.

The cafeteria has been hit hard with theft, Juhl said.

"I think students have good intentions," Juhl said. "But I feel students sometimes forget when they walk out of the cafeteria with food, glasses and silverware that they're not walking into a different room like at home.

"Many students seem to think that because what they take is still on campus, it's not theft; that's where they are wrong."

According to Juhl, inventory is taken on all cafeteria items throughout the year; this is how missing items are discovered. Most thefts occur during early fall and late spring.

During the last inventory, the following items were missing: 1,250 eight-ounce glasses; 900 spoons; 500 knives; 800 forks; 500 salad bowls; 720 salt and pepper shakers; 480 coffee cups; six ash trays; four Christmas wreaths; six sugar holders; and 24 Den trays.

The total expense of all items is $2,851.81.

These items must all be reordered, Juhl said. The figure does not include broken items.

Jan Hyde, assistant student manager, said the thefts have caused problems for Food Service and students.

"What students don't realize is that they eventually pay for the theft when the Board rate increases each year. The money has to come from somewhere," Hyde said.

Hyde and Juhl agree that it is up to students to stop this problem.

"I feel sometimes it's seen as a game, to see who can take the most at one time," Juhl said. "It's up to the students and their value of what is right and wrong to get this problem to stop."

If anyone has cafeteria property to return, it should be placed in a box and left outside a resident assistant's room or outside the cafeteria for a custodian to return.

"Any returned items would be greatly appreciated," Juhl said.

Residence hall jobs added

Three new staff positions were added to improve the resident assistant (RA) program for next year, according to Robin Krahn, director of residential life.

Three assistant residence hall directors (ARHDs) will be added. ARHDs will not be responsible for any specific floor, but may help run hall government, programming and aid in improving campus life, Krahn said.

ARHDs may help prepare meetings and assist with staff development and "maybe policy enforcement," Krahn said.

Although the program is not completely developed, Krahn believes it will help RAs do a better job.

ARHDs will probably be used in Centennial Complex, Clinton Hall and Afton and Waverly Manors, Krahn said. The Grossmann Hall director would still be in charge of that hall.

ARHDs will be paid $1,500 to be figured into financial aid because of federal financial aid guidelines. ARHDs will also have a roommate, unless living in a designated single.

Next week: *Trumpet* interviews resident assistants about their role

Wartburg
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HERCULES BRITSON—Senior Roger Britson powers the weight bar skyward during Saturday's bench press tournament. Britson won the heavyweight class with a lift of 415 pounds. Sophomore Vic Kemming won the 198-pound class with a lift of 370 pounds and junior Sara Greenough won the women's division. Wartburg also won the college team title by defeating Luther. Darren Miller photo.

Sportsbeat

NCAA tourney gains support

by DARREN MILLER

It happens this time every year. Students are no longer apathetic toward national issues and few are seen without pens and newspapers while their eyes are glued to the television.

What has caused this craving for education? Well my sports-minded friends, our study hounds are an illusion, similar to that of Illinois making the Final Four in basketball this season.

Welcome to the NCAA tournament. 'Tis the season to photocopy basketball pairings and for the small fee of a George Washington, you too can become a Jimmy "The Greek" or Dick Vitale overnight.

There isn't necessarily an increase in studying at Wartburg, but ask any avid tourney-watcher the scoring average of Wyoming's Fennis Dembo, or who North Carolina's freshman sensation is, and I can almost guarantee a score of 100 percent.

So put the Irangate crisis on the back burner along with the talk about Michael Deaver. This is the three-week span when the only real national issues are whether UNLV is really as good as its 37-1 record states.

But for the typical college fanatic whose future beer money depends on Dallas Comegys and his DePaul teammates making it to New Orleans March 30, the Division I tournament is more than a game.

Each evening he/she circles their winning picks in a fluorescent color, hoping to advance to a basket full of bills if only Cinderella Providence can wrestle away a national championship. No longer are conference ties important. If the Big 10 has to lose in order to keep above water in the pool, so be it. Heck, who really likes Bob Knight anyway?

But what happens when that major Stats test rolls around and the only lesson you remember is that free throws made divided by free throws attempted gives you the shooting percentage from the charity stripe? Who cares, Stats will be around next year. David Robinson, Gerry Wright and Reggie Williams won't.

Honors continue to roll for cagers

The season may be two weeks old, but honors keep rolling in for the Wartburg men's basketball team.

The Knights won the Iowa Conference title with a 12-4 mark in loop play and advanced to the final eight in the NCAA tournament with wins over Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and Gustavus Adolphus before falling to North Park.

Buzz Levick, who led Wartburg to its 11th title in his 22-year career, was named Coach of the Year in the IIAC by his peers. Sophomore Mike Murphy, who averaged 18.3 points and 7.2 rebounds a game, landed a spot on the first all-conference team. Senior Barry Huber was placed on the second unit.

Tony Giger of Upper Iowa, who led the men's league in scoring this season, heads the 1987 men's basketball honor team.

The 6-2 junior forward was voted Most Valuable Player after being named to the first team by vote of the league's coaches.

Giger, who was a second team selection last year, averaged 23 points per game for the 7-9 Peacocks. He also was the second leading rebounder with a 9.3 average and ranked eighth in field goal percentage, shooting 49 percent (144 of 294).

Two players were named to the squad for the third time, center Scott Kauls of Luther and guard Pat Rangel of Central, and a third, forward Barry Anderson of Buena Vista, was picked for the second time. Both Rangel and Anderson are on the second team this season.

It is a young team. Of the 10 players named to the two squads, only three are seniors. Two are sophomores and the rest juniors.

The first team:	
Tony Giger, junior	Upper Iowa
Scott Kauls, senior	Luther
Mike Murphy, sophomore	Wartburg
Charles Chrisman, senior	William Penn
Todd Millon, junior	Dubuque
The second team:	
Brent Clark, junior	Simpson
Barry Anderson, junior	Buena Vista
Pat Rangel, junior	Central
Anthony Scott, sophomore	William Penn
Barry Huber, senior	Wartburg

Peterson named to league second team

Forward Becky Inman of William Penn has repeated as the Most Valuable Player in the women's basketball league of the Iowa Conference.

Inman paced the Lady Statesmen to their fourth consecutive IIAC championship, averaging 20.3 points and 8.1 rebounds per game. That put her third in scoring and in a tie for sixth in rebounding among the league's individuals.

She also ranked second in both field goal (51.5) and free throw (82.8) percentage.

Gary Smith, who piloted William Penn to a 13-3 record this season, was named Coach of the Year for the second straight time.

Inman was one of three first team players to be selected for the third straight year. The others were guard Jeannie Demers of Buena Vista, who claimed her third scoring title, and guard Kim McFarlan of Central.

Two second team picks were on for the second time, guard Penny Wehrs and forward June Salow, both of Dubuque. Wehrs was selected in 1985.

Just one player from the two teams will be back next season, and that is Wehrs. All the rest are seniors.

The first team:	
Jeannie Demers	Buena Vista
Kim McFarlan	Central
Mary Goedken	Loras
Becky Rannals	Simpson
Becky Inman	William Penn
The second team:	
Penny Wehrs	Dubuque
June Salow	Dubuque
Anne Smith	Luther
Rhonda Osborn	Central
Cathy Peterson	Wartburg

Billy Packer, CBS sportscaster, taking note of recent eight-degree temperature readings in Syracuse: "That's why Orange basketball Coach Jim Boeheim brings his recruits in the summer."

BEACH BUMS—Freshman Paul Mugan makes a back-to-the-net save during a pick-up match Saturday outside Clinton Hall. Darren Miller photo.

Successful year expected for men

by SCOTT LEISINGER

If they can avoid injuries and mental letdowns, the Wartburg baseball team could be in for another strong showing in the Iowa Conference this spring.

John Kurtt, in his fourth year as head baseball coach, has 11 letterwinners included in a roster of 30 players. The Knights finished third in the league last year with a 14-8 record, 16-22 overall.

"We've got to have solid defense and keep from giving up the big inning," Kurtt said. "We've got to help our pitching staff out because we don't have the stoppers who are going to shut the other team down."

Kurtt's corp of pitchers is quite inexperienced, with senior Steve Smith the only returning proven starter.

"Smith's got the capabilities and threw the ball with confidence in Texas, but injured his knee and had surgery to correct his knee cap," Kurtt said. "Hopefully he'll be back before too long."

Kurtt said the other upperclassman who is showing promise is junior Brian White. Besides White, Kurtt said senior Jeff DeBord, junior Curtis Mack and freshmen Micah Stumme, Kent Walvatne, Jeff Pfingsten and Brett Grings all saw action on the Texas trip.

Hitting should be another strong suit for the Knights. Returning All-American Chris Cartee, a senior first baseman, led the conference in hitting last year with a .518 clip, hit 12 homeruns and knocked in 49 runs.

"The big thing with Cartee is he's got to quit worrying about last year's stats and just concentrate on hitting the ball," Kurtt said "It would be difficult for him to top his performance last year If he just worries about hitting the ball, his stats will come."

Another seasoned veteran is shortstop Barry Huber, a four-year starter who hit .409 in the league last year.

"Huber makes the routine play consistently at short and that's what we need," Kurtt said.

Sophomore Rich Williamson may get the starting nod at second base in front of Grings and sophomore Tim Lueder, and sophomore Phil Kittleson and Smith may split time at third. Other returning lettermen in the infield include senior Mark Edwards and sophomore Mike Pederson at first base.

Junior Stu Fritz returns as the starting catcher and is backed up by freshman Tony Dlouhy.

"Fritz loves the game of baseball," Kurtt said. "Dlouhy is our best defensive catcher, but recently had knee surgery."

The Knights were counting on a solid outfield, but returning left fielder Bret Hoyer, a senior, suffered a wrist injury and his status is questionable.

Junior Brett Wall will move from center to right field, and sophomore Brian Bowman will take over in center.

"If Hoyer is back we'll have a strong outfield," Kurtt said. "Bowman was a pleasant surprise in Texas, hitting and fielding the ball well, and Wall has a good arm and solid experience."

Bowman led the team in hitting in Texas with a .381 average and will be the Knights' lead-off hitter, Kurtt said.

"We'll try to run more this year," Kurtt added. "We need to score people when they reach base if we want to be an effective team in the league."

Kurtt mentioned Simpson and Central as the pre-season favorites in the Iowa Conference, but said no team can be ruled out.

The Knights open league play at Central on Saturday, March 28.

Fritz keeps ball in the family

by DARREN MILLER

For junior Stu Fritz, Wartburg is a family affair.

The catcher in baseball and quarterback in football was preceded at Wartburg by his father Darwin and brother Scott, both of whom participated in the same sports.

"Scott and my dad were big influences on me," Fritz said. "They always played ball with me when I was younger, so I owe a lot of what I know to them."

If that is the case, the Fritz family can sure teach baseball.

During his freshman season at Wartburg, Stu hit .316 with one home run and six RBI's. Last season he batted .308 with eight home runs and 22 RBI's. And remarkably for a power hitter, Stu has only struck out eight times in two seasons.

"Stu really lives and loves the game of baseball," Coach John Kurtt said. "As a catcher he has made great improvements since his freshman year and he is learning how to have complete concentration in ball games."

Fritz is a physical education/coaching major from Postville. In high school, he was nothing short of a prep superstar. Fritz was all-conference three seasons in football, two years in basketball and four years in baseball. He earned 15 total letters (five in baseball, three in football, three in basketball, three in track and one in golf). He was named All-State Special Mention by The Des Moines Register as a sophomore quarterback and was an All-State catcher after his senior season of baseball.

"High school prepared me a lot, but there is a big difference between it and college," Fritz said. "In college you catch a real pitcher instead of just a thrower. Being around Scott's games at Wartburg also helped my transition to the college game."

Brother Scott graduated in 1985 and father Darwin was a 1959 Wartburg graduate.

"We basically had the town baseball diamond in our back yard," said Fritz, referring to his adolescent baseball career. "We would always play in the summer and a bunch of neighbors would come and play, too."

At Postville, Fritz hit .378 as a freshman, .320 as a sophomore, .381 as a junior and .340 as a senior with 14 home runs. He hit 27 career home runs with three grand slams.

"I like playing catcher because you're always in the action and there is no standing around involved," Fritz said. "I like being in control of the game and being able to see the whole field."

Fritz may be in control more than usual this spring. Because of injuries he will be required to catch both games of doubleheaders.

"You learn how to compete in baseball and you are going to have to learn to lose a few," he said. "But we've had a fun time playing at Wartburg and we should have a good year."

The Fritz family and Knight baseball have been together for many years. The last heir to the diamond is Stu. With a little more work and a few more hits, who knows? He could go in the record books as being the best.

JUNIOR STU FRITZ

Softball schedule

March 27	Dordt
March 30	Cornell
March 31	at Luther
April 2	at Coe
April 3	Mt. Mercy
April 4	at Loras
April 8	William Penn
April 11	at Dubuque
April 17	at Mt. Mercy
April 18	Upper Iowa
April 20	at UNI
April 21	Kirkwood
April 22	Buena Vista
April 24	Waldorf
April 25	at Central
April 28	Simpson
April 30	at Grand View
May 2	at Central Tourney

All dates are doubleheaders

Track schedule

April 4	Simpson Inv. (M-W)
April 11	Buena Vista Inv. (M-W)
April 18	Small College Meet (M-W)
April 21	William Penn Inv. (M-W)
April 25	Drake Relays (M)
May 2	Central Inv. (M-W)
May 8-9	IIAC Outdoor (M-W)
May 16	National Qualifying (M-W)
May 20-23	NCAA Div. III Nationals (M-W)

Baseball schedule

March 28	at Central
April 2	at Mt. Mercy
April 4	at Loras
April 6	UNI
April 8	at Iowa
April 11	at Dubuque
April 17	Buena Vista
April 18	Central
April 20	Mt. Mercy
April 21	Upper Iowa
April 23	at Upper Iowa
April 25	Loras
April 26	at Luther
April 29	at Buena Vista
April 30	at UNI
May 2	William Penn
May 7	at Coe
May 9	Simpson

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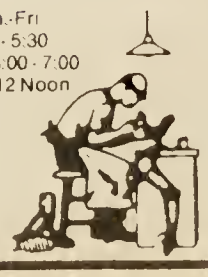

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Harris sprints to success on track

by CRAIG SESKER

When Tony Harris settled into the starting blocks for a qualifying heat of the 60-yard dash at the UNI Open Feb. 21, he had no idea what was about to happen.

Harris broke fast and came across the finish line ahead of Sunday Uti, an Olympic bronze medalist.

Later in the same meet Harris broke 50 seconds on the anchor leg of the mile relay. It was his first quarter-mile race ever.

"I just went out and ran the races and felt good about them," said Harris, a soft-spoken sophomore from Chicago. "I had no idea what I had done. I was surprised with my success."

Surprises have been frequent for Harris in his brief, but already illustrious track career. Harris has been surprising a lot of people since he came to Wartburg last year.

Harris was a welcome addition to the Knights last season as a freshman, placing second in the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the conference meet and anchoring the 400-meter relay to a school record. He was also voted most valuable by his teammates.

How good is Harris? The question is how good can he become. Enter first-year coach Bob O'Brien, an assistant coach for last year's high school Class 2A state champions, NU High of Cedar Falls.

"The UNI coaches told me they would sure like to have him," O'Brien said. "He is that caliber (Division I).

"He is a quality runner. I don't think he has scratched the surface of what he can do. He has a lot of his future ahead of him."

Harris entered this season much more confident than the last. Considering the fact Harris didn't even run track in high school, he is still improving.

A pair of narrow defeats to Central's Glenn Norwood in the 100 and 200 at the conference meet last year was something that motivated Harris during the off season.

"That was something that made me work hard during the off season," Harris said. "Knowing I had beaten him before was a big motivator for me. I made the mistake of coming out of the blocks slow and it cost me."

Harris chose baseball over track in high school and was an all-city shortstop for Chicago Manley High School. He decided to try out for the track team when junior Bob Brockney encouraged him to compete.

"I'm glad I made the decision to run track," he said. "I think it was the best decision I have made in a long time. I have a definite love affair with track."

Harris has set a goal of winning the 100-meter dash at conference and qualifying for the national meet. He has already competed in the NCAA Division III indoor national meet in his home town. He was among the 12 fastest sprinters in his event.

"I am just working hard to be the best," Harris said. "Just because we are Division III doesn't mean we can't compete with Division I and Division II schools. I just want to win, have a strong team and have a great season.

"The reason I am doing so well is that I am working very hard. I don't want to be someone special. I just want to contribute to the team and have a good time."

Sophomore teammate John Loos said Harris sets a good example for everyone on the team.

"Tony works hard and is unselfish," Loos said. "He has his goals in sight. He sees what he wants and goes and gets it. He is confident but not cocky. He knows what he can do."

Harris, a math/physics major, chose Wartburg after his high school principal recommended he go there and visit. He was not recruited as an athlete.

"I fell in love with the school," Harris said. "The people were friendly and I liked the atmosphere."

Harris and his teammates have their sights set on the outdoor conference meet May 9. Harris may be called upon to compete in as many as six events.

"It would be a challenge," he said. "I think this team is capable of winning the conference. We just need everyone to have a strong commitment. If everyone is healthy and has a clear head, we can win the conference."

Don't be surprised if it happens—as long as Harris keeps making strides.

OUT OF THE BLOCKS—Sophomore Tony Harris explodes out of the starting blocks during a recent training session. Even though he didn't run track in high school, Harris has become a force in the Iowa Conference and qualified for the national indoor meet two weeks ago. Will Satris photo.

Balding took rocky road before glory

I BEAT HER BY THIS MUCH—Senior Nancy Balding wants to make a return trip to nationals this spring. The distance specialist is shown clowning around after last week's indoor meet. Darren Miller photo.

by TIM PEARSON

Nancy Balding's road to running glory hasn't always been smooth, but one easily traversible with a sharp pair of spikes and a fleet duo of legs.

The senior's march into the Wartburg record archives commenced years ago in Minnetonka, MN, bent southward to Waverly, rose majestically as it neared Granville, OH, ducked frantically through golf courses, crossed the Atlantic to Valencia, Spain, and curved all the way back onto the shoulders of several teammates following the indoor conference track meet a week ago.

And for what purpose? If truth be known—an extra trip to the salad bar. "I can eat more if I run," Balding laughed, "and I love to eat."

Which is perfectly acceptable when you've held the quarter mile, half mile, 1000-yard, mile relay and two-mile-relay records at one time or another for the track team and earned all-conference and team MVP honors while wearing a cross country uniform. Her days as a state participant in both sports at Hopkins High School in Minnetonka are far gone.

"I worked hard in high school to get where I was and I wanted to stay that way," Balding said. "I get a great deal of satisfaction out of it."

The jewel of Balding's track career thus far has been her trip to Denison College in Ohio on Wartburg's nationally qualifying mile relay team two years ago. No Austin Peay-like upset would be forthcoming, but that's not the point.

"We didn't make the finals, but that didn't matter much," she said. "All we wanted was to get to the meet."

Cross country presented a more hazardous environment, if nothing else. Besides fighting the other runners and the elements during the races, Wartburg athletes were forced to dodge flying Titleists while practicing at the local links.

"The golfers are always so inconsiderate to us while we're running," Balding said. "They would go ahead and tee off, and some of the balls came pretty close."

Balding could be seen her junior year trotting past palm trees, street fountains, and a bull fighting arena ("It looks just like an open-air UNI-Dome") while training during her year abroad in Valencia, Spain, a city of three quarters of a million.

"The health kick hasn't hit there with the fervor it has here," she said. "It's really hard when you don't run competitively and no one pushes you. But I think by not running so hard I did my body a favor."

Opposing runners this year have rued the Spanish lack of hardiness. With two fresh legs, Balding has shattered the 1000-yard mark twice and on March 14 in the final indoor meet of her career, she eclipsed the conference 880-yard record by nearly five seconds while being nosed out at the tape by inches and finishing second.

The team noticed.

"All the girls made a big deal about me being a senior," Balding said. "The coach gave me a sweatshirt and my teammates put me on their shoulders and carried me around. It was something really special."

Meanwhile, she's hoping for a return ticket to nationals, this time in the half mile.

The end of the road is a long way off.

Knights in search of loop softball title

by STEVE McGREW

After experiencing some success in Oklahoma, the Wartburg women's softball team now hopes to improve on last year's sixth-place finish in the Iowa Conference.

Coach Janet Vaughan said that "Luther, Central, Buena Vista and Simpson will all be tough, but I think we can challenge for the conference title."

Vaughan said "pitching, catching and the corner positions [first and third base] are the team strengths."

Junior Kris Kuper, who Vaughan called "a good team leader" is the catcher and is expected to be one of the keys in the 1987 Knight attack. Last year Kuper had 28 hits, five home runs, and 12 RBI's, while batting .286. Kuper said Wartburg should make definite improvements in league play. She sees Central, last year's NCAA Division III runnerup, and Luther, who tied Central for first in the Iowa Conference, as this year's favorites.

The pitchers are senior Rose Miller and sophomore Janette Jurgensen. Jurgensen believes conference play will be quite competitive. "You will probably see a lot of conference games decided by one run," Jurgensen said.

Miller plays first base when Jurgensen pitches. She was second to Kuper in hits last year with 19 and tied Kuper for the RBI lead. When Miller goes to the pitching mound, junior Amy Lammers, who hit .333 in Oklahoma, takes over Miller's duties. Sophomore Beth Hovden will play third base for the Knights this spring.

The remainder of the infield is still up for grabs. At shortstop both junior Wendy Backer and freshman Kathy Aspeitia played well in Oklahoma with each hitting over .300. The battle at second base is among freshman Robin McCrea, freshman Krismar Anderson and junior Amy Fuller.

The outfield positions are not set either, and Vaughan said if Wartburg is to win the conference title, "the team will have to get solid hitting from the outfield." Fuller, freshman Kristi Eckard, freshman Terri Henchal, and juniors Marlys Thomas, Lynette Schult and Bonnie Niedermeier are candidates in the field. Fuller appears to be a very versatile performer.

If the outfielders hit well and the pitchers do as well as last year, when they had a combined ERA of 1.69, Wartburg may find themselves near the top of the Iowa Conference. The Knights begin their season Friday with a home encounter against Dordt.

Basketball

Final men's standings

Wartburg	12-4
Central	10-6
Dubuque	10-6
William Penn	10-6
Luther	7-9
Upper Iowa	7-9
Simpson	6-10
Buena Vista	5-11
Loras	5-11

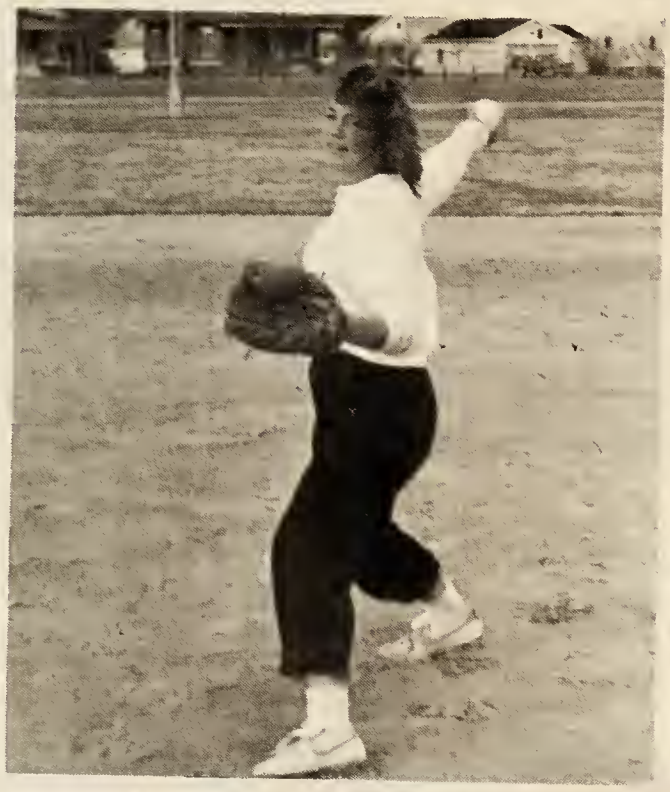
Final women's standings

William Penn	13-3
Simpson	12-4
Loras	11-5
Central	10-6
Luther	8-8
Buena Vista	7-9
Dubuque	5-11
Upper Iowa	4-12
Wartburg	2-14

Senior Daryl Sloter finished the season as the IIAC's top free throw shooter with a 92.1 percentage...

Sophomore Mike Murphy was the league's fifth best scorer (18.3), fifth best rebounder (7.2) and fifth most accurate field goal shooter (54.6)...

Senior Cathy Peterson was the Iowa Conference's seventh leading scorer (15.0) and tenth leading rebounder (7.3)...



FREEZE FRAME—Sophomore Janette Jurgensen displays her one-two method toward opposing batters. It's as simple as winding up and firing away. Jurgensen returns as the top pitcher for the Knight softball team. Will Safris photos.

Knight becoming mound master

by DARREN MILLER

Janette Jurgensen is becoming a master at under-handed trickery, but that comes from practice. She has been hurling a softball competitively for seven seasons now.

Jurgensen, just a sophomore, is Wartburg's starting pitcher. The Knights were only 7-24 last year, but with an improving youth movement that includes Jurgensen, Wartburg recently finished an Oklahoma tour with a 4-4 mark.

A year ago Jurgensen owned a 3-12 overall record and is 3-2 so far this spring.

"It wasn't tough adjusting to college ball because the rest of the team was so young last year too," Jurgensen said. "It was kind of hard trying to prove myself though. I got nervous a lot last year."

Jurgensen is a political science/prelaw major from Mechanicsville. She attended Lincoln (Stanwood) High School.

During her prep years as a Panther, Jurgensen lettered twice in volleyball, once in basketball, four times in track and five times in softball. She was a two-year second-team all-Mid East performer in volleyball, qualified for the state track meet in the shot put and discus and was placed on an all-league softball unit four times.

While at Lincoln, Jurgensen compiled a 58-37 record with 589 career strikeouts. She also batted .301 with nine home runs.

"I had a very good pitching coach in high school," Jurgensen said. "He taught me how to pitch and high school ball made me want to play the game more."

Jurgensen played for three different coaches, including her brother Mark. Mark was a 1985 Wartburg graduate and another brother, Deron, wrestles for Coe College.

"The biggest influence on me in softball was my dad. He always encouraged me and gave me confidence," Jurgensen said. "I always saw my brothers as great baseball players, so they influenced me, too."

On many occassions, Janette and her brothers would play catch on their farm or throw before school in the Lincoln gymnasium.

"I would scrounge up anyone I could to catch me," Jurgensen said. "That's why I only played basketball for one year because I wanted to practice pitching."

Last year, despite her won-loss record, Jurgensen had an earned run average of 1.60 and struck out 33 batters. She also batted .245 with a home run, three triples and seven RBI's. In Oklahoma Jurgensen hit .455 with a home run.

"She is a disciplined and dedicated young lady," Coach Janet Vaughan said. "Her fever spreads to the rest of the team and she shows her leadership through her practice habits."

Jurgensen said the transition to Division III ball was made easier by her catcher, junior Kris Kuper.

"Kup has brought me around," Jurgensen said. "She knows what she is doing behind the plate and makes me work hard. Whenever I want to throw, I just call Kup."

Jurgensen, who excels in the class room with a 3.61 GPA, now has a complete season under her belt. This experience, combined with a varied arsenal of pitches, could mean that Iowa Conference foes will be added to the Jurgensen book of pitching tricks

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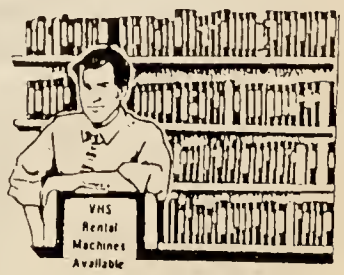

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Housing sign-ups to start April 6, Krahn reports

by MICHAEL B. WIRTH

Housing sign-ups begin April 6, according to Robin Krahn, director of residential life.

Students who pay their $50 room deposit in the Controller's Office between today and Friday, April 3, may draw a lottery number.

Sign-ups will not include the new residence hall to be built during the summer. According to Krahn, there is no assurance the hall will be completed in time for classes in the fall. Students will be allowed to move into the residence hall under a lottery system held at that time, though.

Students will also be required to pay another $50 non-refundable room deposit in the Controller's Office by July 1.

When students pay their room deposit, they receive a lottery number based on class rank. An average of the roommates' numbers will determine their place in the lottery, according to Krahn.

Seniors will receive numbers 1-100, juniors 101-450, sophomores451-800 and freshmen 801-1200.

To sign up for a room, a student must have both lottery numbers and deposit slips and enough people to fill the room, whether it is a double or a quadruple.

Students wishing to return to their present room will have top priority in the lottery, Krahn said.

"If two or more students wish to remain in their current residence, but have a new roommate(s), priority will be given to the present resident with the lower lottery numbers," according to a report issued by Residential Life.

A student may sign up for a double room if he/she wishes to designate an incoming international student as a roommate. The student would then sign up according to the lottery number, the report says.

Housing sign-up times are as follows:

Monday, April 6—any student who wishes to remain in the same room (Must be accompanied by roommate(s)). All sign-ups for this session will be from 6 to 10 p.m. in the residence hall director's office for that hall.

Tuesday, April 7—any student wishing to remain on the same floor or in the same house, but wants to move to a new room. Sign-ups are in Room 116 of the Whitehouse Business Center beginning at 6 p.m. Sign-up times are from 6 to 6:30 p.m. for lottery numbers averaging between 1-300; from 6:30 to 7 p.m. for averages of 301-600; from 7 to 7:30 p.m. for averages of 601-900; from 7:30 to 8 p.m. for averages of 901-1,200.

Residential Life will designate one half of the rooms needed for new students from 8 to 8:30 p.m.

For any student wishing to move to a new floor (within their present residence hall) or wishing to move to a new house (must presently be a manor resident), sign-up times are from 8:30 to 9 p.m for lottery numbers between 1-300; 9 to 9:30 p.m. for numbers between 301-600; 9:30 to 10 p.m. for averages of 601-900; 10 to 10:30 p.m. for averages of 901-1,200.

Wednesday, April 8—any student who wishes to move to a new residence hall. Sign-ups are in Room 116 of the Whitehouse Business Center. Times for sign-ups are 6 to 6:30 p.m. for lottery numbers averaging between 1-200; 6:30 to 7 p.m. for averages of 201-400; 7 to 7:30 p.m. for averages of 401-600; 7:30 to 8 p.m. for averages of 601-800; 8 to 8:30 p.m. for averages of 801-1,000; 8:30 to 9 p.m. for averages of 1,001-1,200.

Phonorama steams ahead

by LORI KELL

With only four nights remaining in the All Aboard Alumni Phonorama, this year's goal of $50,000 is still a promising figure to be reached.

According to Linda Moeller, director of annual gifts, students and alumni teams began calling Sunday, March 15, and will call about 8,000 Wartburg alumni in a 10-day period.

"We've had an average intake of about $4,000 per night since we started," Moeller said.

She had hoped for $5,000 per evening, but said the previous two phonothons this year and the lack of students to fill the phones, contributes to why the intended nightly totals are not being met.

"This year's Spring Phonorama came at a time when a lot of students are very busy with activities and such," Moeller said.

Until Thursday, eighteen telephones will be set up in the Jousting Post and teams of usually six will call from 6:15 to 9 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.

One incentive for this year's phonorama is a 'Chip In and Get Mugged promotion," Moeller said. "The recent graduates are really pulling through for us."

Moeller said those people who make a first-time gift of $50 or more or increase their gift by $50 or more receive a Wartburg mug.

Student callers are competing for individual prizes every evening and the team that raises the most money during the 10-night phonorama also receives a prize. In addition, the callers are treated to pizza after calling.

"So far we've had one alumni caller receive a job offer and a student also found a date while calling," Moeller chuckled. "It's quite common each year that a student or two is offered a job over the phone."

As of March 18, the third night of Phonorama, sophomore Dave Wilt had raised the highest amount in one evening. Within two hours he had received $820 in pledges.

"This was my first year calling for Phonorama," Wilt said. "I thought it was worth my time and a great experience."

Moeller said Spring Phonorama, combined with the results of the two earlier phonothons should result in more than $100,000 in contributions to Wartburg.

New media leaders named

by RICH GORDON

Four of the five Wartburg campus media leaders for the 1987-88 academic year were announced last week by the Publications and Broadcasting Committee, according to Robert Gremmels, publications adviser and committee member.

The committee selected junior Craig Sesker to replace senior Shelly Green as *Trumpet* editor, sophomore Terry Kleinschmidt to succeed senior Dave Danielson as KWAR station manager and junior Cindy Grothe to replace senior Joanna Cazanas as *Castle* editor.

Gremmels, who personally selects the *Page* editor each year, has named freshman Anne Peters to replace current *Page* editor Rich Gordon, a junior.

Green and Cazanas will depart having held their positions for one year, while Danielson and Gordon will leave with two years of experience at their respective positions.

Normally the Publications and Broadcasting Committee also selects an editor for the *Fortress*, the college yearbook, but no applications were submitted. Senior Tammi Pedersen is the current *Fortress* editor.

"We are still taking applications for this position," Gremmels said. "There are a number of different ways of putting together a yearbook, so this may be an opportunity for someone with a bold new idea to come forward."

Dance to feature 'star gazing'

by JILL BOWDEN

For all you astrologers who enjoy star-gazing, Saturday night's dance is just for you...sort of.

The stars featured will not be the heavenly bodies of the sky, but the heavenly bodies of the silver screen...sort of.

The "stars" will be Wartburg students and their brothers, sisters and friends.

"Welcome to Hollywood!" is the theme for the costume dance sponsored by Wartburg Players and Student Activities Committee (SAC) Saturday, March 28. It will begin at 9:30 p.m. in Buhr Lounge and will feature live music by Snowblind, according to sophomore Susan Stanley, president of Wartburg Players.

Admission is 25 cents for those dressed as their favorite Hollywood personality and 50 cents for all others. Beverages will be sold from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Stanley said the organization wanted to have a dance so that people would recognize them as an active group on campus.

Prizes will be awarded for best costume, best impersonation and best joke. Door prizes will also be given away. Three members of the Wartburg faculty and staff will judge for best costume. The other categories will be judged by audience response.

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'Spoon River:' Not a Dead Subject

review by ANN BLOEDOW

"Spoon River Anthology," a play directed by Steven D. Palmquist, gave the audience a different outlook on life here March 19-22 in Players Theatre. From six feet under to be exact!

Spoon River was depicted as a friendly little town where everyone knew everyone else's business. More often than not its residents tried to pick up their roots and plant somewhere else, whether that be New York or Paris. No matter what their dreams were, their destiny would always be Spoon River.

A murderer, a politician, a seamstress, a preacher, a teacher and a variety of other people were resurrected in this play to tell of mistakes they had made, memories they cherished or perhaps advice they could offer future generations.

Each actor and actress played several characters. All remained on stage throughout the play. With those circumstances it would spell disaster for most. But for the Wartburg Players, the transitions from one telltale corpse to the next were done smoothly.

Fresh air was breathed into Spoon River by a new pack of actors: sophomore Sonya Marie Barnett and freshmen Jill Bowden, Jon Darter, Philip Fetter, Jeni Heins, Tina Mees and Kelly Thompson.

Of course the veteran pack was up to par also. The returning actors and actresses were: junior Don Bronsema, senior Pamela Kleiss, freshman Robert Marquardt, sophomore Susan Stanley, junior Karen Thalacker and sophomore Sheri Wearda.

I would single out a few characters that were especially "brought to life." Thalacker played a convincing, firey, 96-year-old woman who bore a dozen children and was more than willing to give others advice.

Kleiss was a French/German orphan who became a dancer and lived with a man in Spoon River for 20 years. And the graying Don Juan of Spoon River who realized he lost his magnetism with ladies was played well by Fetter.

I can't say much about the set because there really wasn't one aside from a few props passed between actors. The lighting was used to its full potential. At one point in the play an optometrist enacts the changing of lenses and colors and the changes in lighting were perfectly synchronized.

A few characters could have been clipped from the play because of their dullness. Then again, not everyone in life is exciting, either.

Quite a bit of the music was more of a distraction than an enhancement. There was no instrumentation and the singers/actors seemed to be reaching for a lead to follow.

"Spoon River Anthology" may not be the type of play to see for pure enjoyment, but it is a play that is realistic in an eerie sort of way. Many in the audience left the theatre wondering what their destiny would be.

MULTI-TALENTED—Junior Don Bronsema portrays one of his more than 10 roles in "Spoon River Anthology" this weekend in Players Theatre. Will Safris photo.

Lutz offers solutions to societal problems

by CRAIG SESKER

The erosion of community in our common lives should be a topic of major concern, according to Dr. Charles Lutz, director of the Office of Church in Society of the American Lutheran Church.

Lutz, a 1953 Wartburg graduate, spoke Thursday in Buhr Lounge on "Follow Me Into The World" as a part of Spiritual Emphasis Week.

"Our decade has an overriding concern with security," Lutz said. "Security is all around us as a concern. Many clusters of issues come under that heading."

He listed economic security, the gap between rich and poor and the survival of farmers as several of the areas.

"One tension-creating question comes out of all this; do individual interests or community interests have priority?" Lutz said. "What concerns me is the erosion of community in our common lives. There are undeniable tendencies wherever we look."

Over the past decade college students have become increasingly concerned with job security, income level and the promise of an education that promises economic returns, according to Lutz.

Lutz, in using Biblical support, said self interest should be kept in appropriate balance with other needs.

"Individualism is the essence of sin," he said. "Epitome of alienation is a radical individualism. Love your neighbor as you love yourself. Self interest is not bad but is always to be sought in the best interests of the community."

One way to envision a society that is fair and just is to imagine a society people would want for satisfying their needs if they were unaware of their station in that society, Lutz said.

"The fact we seek our own interest is assumed as something I will do," he said. "It is not wrong to seek my own good unless I seek for something else. Do our college students pick up such a vision when they prepare for the future? Or do they just get a smaller college version of the personal security ethic that students at universities receive?"

Lutz listed five distinctive gifts churches have to offer in promoting community: 1) message of gospel itself as God comes to us only in the community 2) Church as a community of people is a transnational community 3) Church as an advocate for justice and peace is able to speak on behalf for those of the needy 4) Church has capacity to unite those on both sides of a political spectrum 5) Church is that collection of people and institution that keep hope around.

"We cannot be Christians alone," he said. "A community is always the sum of its individuals."

Formula gives ideas to remedy farm crisis

by DARREN MILLER

A formula of alliteration is what Christian teaching offers the rural crisis, according to Dr. Charles Lutz.

Lutz, a 1953 Wartburg graduate and now director of the Office of Church in Society of the American Lutheran Church, offers three ideas to soothe the hardships of the American farmer. The ideas are to show compassion, care for the creation and jel together as a community.

"We have to identify with another during a time of suffering," Lutz said. "Being compassionate means to suffer with and we must be with those struggling over things they cannot control."

Lutz, speaking prior to a Dell Association meeting Wednesday in the East Room, said that Christian theology has something to say to farmers who equate worth to economic achievement. Compassion to the "fallen farmer" is appropriate.

Lutz said creation and care of the land is also important in farming because so often inequitable control of land by the few has ruined rural societies.

Dispersed management of land has three advantages, according to Lutz. "The land will be cared for appropriately and it will remain productive," he said. "A rural community is also difficult to maintain without a population base on the land."

Lutz said care will help farmers build up instead of use up the land.

The third factor is community. Lutz said that rural American is not together and never has been, causing farmers to view others in the field as competitors instead of allies. The inability of farmers to follow constraints in farming may be good for the individual, but the community suffers. Acting for the good of the entire community is crucial, according to Lutz.

But despite the clearly outlined, three-part formula, the final ingredient is hope.

"We have to hope," Lutz said. "This not optimism, hope is trust in the promises of God."

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'Magic' life comes from dreaming

by NANCY ANDERSON

If illusionist Kevin Spencer advises you to "follow your dreams," maybe you should listen. The man is definitely speaking from experience.

"Magic is something I dreamed of doing ever since I was very young," Spencer said. "I remember watching a magician on television when I was about four years old. I was amazed. I knew immediately that this was what I wanted to do."

Although he studied to be a concert pianist, when he got older, his desire to perform illusions stayed with him. He dabbled in magic in high school and worked in a magic shop during his college years. After seeing two great magicians Harry Blackstone Jr., and Doug Henning perform, he realized what he had to do.

"I knew that I had to at least try (to be a magician), or I would always wonder if I could have done it," Spencer said. "I remember a verse from the book of Proverbs; 'Without a dream, people perish.'"

So he quit his job, took out a loan and bought some magic supplies. The gamble paid off.

Spencer and his wife Cindy comprise one of the most successful teams of touring magicians. Their show is in demand throughout the United States and Canada.

"Cindy and I believe that God has a special purpose for each of us. Magic is our ministry," Spencer said.

The Spencers do not use magic exclusively to entertain, though. They are the innovators of a therapy program, "The Healing of Magic."

Originally conceived by Cindy, the therapy was first tried on stroke patients. It brought "tremendous results," according to Spencer. Learning magic tricks improved the patients' manual dexterity and ability to remember sequences of events. Most importantly, it raised self-esteem levels.

From the beginning, "The Healing of Magic" has been a great success. It is endorsed by the American Occupational Therapy Association and the American Medical Association.

The program is currently used to treat people suffering from head trauma, spine injury and severe burns. The Spencers' magic also helps sexually abused children.

"By teaching magic to somebody, you're teaching them something special and making them feel like a special person. Magic is something the average person can't do," Spencer said. "It's an incredible way to bolster self-esteem."

The Spencers' magic show keeps them on the road about eight months a year. Between shows they work in hospitals with their therapy program.

Their tour brought them to Neumann Auditorium Tuesday night where they awed the audience with a variety of tricks. The magic ranged from old favorites like cutting a person in half to originals like recreating the popular television show "Batman" and capturing the Joker.

Spencer provided humor, illusion, audience participation and even a little advice.

"Don't let anyone tell you not to follow your dreams. Even if you're shooting for the moon and you miss, you'll still be among the stars."

NEWSPAPER MAGIC—After showing each page of a newspaper to an audience in Neumann Auditorium Wednesday, illusionist Kevin Spencer rips the tabloid to shreds and reconstructs what he held moments before. Will Safris photo.

LOOKING ON—Senior Keri Martensen watches the Knight basketball team during the game at North Park last week. Martensen assists Coach Buzz Levick as the team's student coach. Will Safris photo.

Men players plus one female make up basketball team

Martensen student coaches Knights

by MARLYS THOMAS

When an outstanding Wartburg men's basketball season came to an end last week, it not only meant the end of practices and games for the male coaches, players and trainer, but also for the one female member of the team.

Student assistant coach, senior Keri Martensen, put in many hours—at least two hours a day, six days a week, plus traveling time—since the team began practices in mid-October last year.

"I was in the gym waiting for a volleyball meeting to begin last fall, and Buzz (Coach Lewis Levick) asked if I knew of anybody who might want to student coach with him," Martensen said. "I told him I would like to, so he set up a meeting to discuss what I'd be doing."

At the meeting Martensen asked Levick if having a female as a student coach would bother him.

"He said my being a female didn't bother him, if it didn't bother me."

Martensen, a business education major and a physical education minor with a coaching endorsement, is glad to have more coaching experience behind her. She previously student coached freshmen volleyball at Waterloo Columbus and during high school she helped with the volleyball program at Aquin Junior High in Cascade.

Working with the men's basketball team taught Martensen a great deal about basketball and the psychology behind the sport.

"I've learned how important coaches can be in developing the morale of everyone on the team," Martensen said.

Having Levick as a coaching example was another plus for Martensen.

"I look up to him (Levick) a lot, because he obviously knows what's going on," Martensen said. "He also takes an interest in his players and the rest of us that work with the team. We know that he really cares about us."

As a student coach, Martensen's main responsibilities included getting the ball boys ready before all the Knights' home games, keeping a performance chart during games and assisting Levick in implementing things he needs done.

The best part of student coaching the men's basketball team was getting to know the players better, according to Martensen.

"I'm really more of a friend to the players than I am a coach," said Martensen, admitting that as much as she likes the men they have a tendency to drive her crazy. "The guys tease me all the time, and sometimes they just don't know when to quit."

Most of the players will attest to giving her a bad time once in awhile.

"She takes a lot of abuse because we like to joke around with her a lot," freshman guard Chris Hueckstead said. "But she usually just laughs right along with us and doesn't get too frustrated. She's just like one of the guys."

It was a long and successful season for the Wartburg men's basketball team, and putting in extra time for post-season play didn't bothered Martensen at all.

"It's great," she said. "They've worked hard this season and come a long way. I'm happy for the team."

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Wartburg historian reflects

by MARLYS THOMAS

If Wartburg College had a list of founding fathers, certainly Dr. Gerhard S. Ottersberg, professor emeritus of history, would be near the top of the list.

Ottersberg and Margaret, his wife of 67 years, live next to Neumann House on Second Ave.

"I am happy that we were able to erect our home here," Ottersberg said. "Being close to the school helps me to maintain a private feeling that Wartburg is still my school."

As the official historian of Wartburg College, Ottersberg has every right to feel that Wartburg is his school. In 1952 he completed the book "Wartburg College: A Centennial History," tracing the school's history from 1852 to 1952. In 1977 he finished an additional work, covering the years from 1952 to 1977.

Ottersberg has viewed Wartburg not only as an instructor, but also as a student.

In 1918 Ottersberg graduated from the Wartburg in Clinton and spent the next seven years furthering his education and attaining teaching experience.

It was while teaching at an academy in Sterling, NE, that Ottersberg took a leave of absence and acquired his master's degree at the University of Nebraska. When the academy closed down in 1924, he served a short mission for a church in Detroit, MI, then left to fill a teaching vacancy at Wartburg, known as "Wartburg Normal College" at the time.

While at Wartburg, Ottersberg worked towards his doctor's degree, which he obtained in 1949.

"It took me awhile to finish my dissertation on the History of the Iowa Synod of the American Lutheran Church," Ottersberg said.

Several major accomplishments for Wartburg College came during Ottersberg's years at the school. One he views with much importance is the process of attaining North Central accreditation.

"I recall with some uneasiness and pleasure a process where Wartburg attained accreditation," Ottersberg said. "To achieve accreditation meant a self-study. We had to think of our objectives as a school and list what we would do to eliminate our weaknesses."

Ottersberg recalls that the process took up most of the 1940s and required additional faculty and departments.

"Before accreditation students had no choices in what courses to take," Ottersberg said. "We rejoiced when courses were finally adjusted to meet the students' needs."

Another accomplishment Ottersberg takes pride in is Wartburg's library.

"I remember when the library was on the first floor of Luther Hall where the business office is now located," said Ottersberg, adding that it was next moved to the Luther Hall basement.

The library isn't the only building added during Ottersberg's years at Wartburg. When he first began teaching, the college consisted of a newly built Luther Hall, dedicated at the 1926 commencement, Grossmann Hall and Wartburg Hall, the gym, now Players Theatre, Old Main and North Hall, which stood behind Old Main and served as both a residence hall and kitchen facility.

"Students were paying a full tuition of $135 per year then," Ottersberg said, "and at least half of the students received reductions from that amount."

Traditions play a lead role in Wartburg's history, and Ottersberg has seen his share of Outflies and Wartburg-Luther rivalry games.

"I feel it is outrageous to call a 'drunken bust' an Outfly," said Ottersberg, remembering that in the past, students enjoyed Outfly by taking part in creation.

"It was recognized students occasionally needed breaks and a free day to be away from the rigid customs of studying and attending classes," Ottersberg said. "After a week or two of school someone would raise the question of Outfly to break the routine."

Ottersberg said the night before Outfly would be spent getting one's work done. The next day at the rising bell, shouts of Outfly would go out, the band would play and the faculty would resolve to grant the day of Outfly. This happened twice a year.

"Students spent the day playing baseball, wandering by the river, boating or swimming," said Ottersberg, noting that the college wagon brought food to students for the noon meal. "At suppertime students returned to campus, and if the college granted permission, students could go out on the town that evening."

About the Luther-Wartburg rivalry, Ottersberg says it is fine for two schools to be involved in rigorous competition, as long as it doesn't take forms that can harm the interest of others.

"I would charge Luther with initiating the start of activities that caused diverse results," Ottersberg said. "Some Luther students once stole our Wartburg Knight, feeling that they had really gotten away with something. Of course, Wartburg students then had to get back at them, and so it goes."

Ottersberg takes pride in his years of teaching at Wartburg.

"Being associated with the college allowed me to use the endowment nature gave me in a very satisfying way. It is especially wonderful when students respond well," he said.

One student touched by Ottersberg's teaching was Dr. Ron Matthias, vice president for administration and finance.

"Dr. Ottersberg was the greatest lecturer I've ever experienced," Matthias said. "After spending only two days in his class, I decided to be a history major."

Matthias also saw Ottersberg as a counselor.

"He was generous with his time outside of class and helped me make decisions about what to do with my life," Matthias said. "Next to my family, Dr. Ottersberg is one of two or three people who had the greatest influence on my growing up as a young person."

John Kurtt, assistant professor of physical education, was another student of Ottersberg.

"I was an education major, and he [Ottersberg] was an inspiration to anyone going into education," Kurtt said. "He was so interesting to listen to that you often forgot to take notes."

Ottersberg believes Wartburg has worked hard to give students a school that offers a challenging program and allows them to work with the gifts they were born with.

"There is a friendly atmosphere at Wartburg," he says. "Students and professors can feel at home here and know Wartburg is indeed their college."

RIGHT AT HOME—Dr. Gerhard S. Ottersberg, professor emeritus of history, relaxes in his home near the college and shares memories of Wartburg's past. Will Safris photo.

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